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[FOR THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD.] THE PRIVATEER.

Far from this quiet, peaceful shore, n showers enrich our native earth And crown the land which gave us birth. With naught around save sea and sky, Bermuda's fairy islands lie. The coral reefs, the shining sand, The white abodes, the fruitful land The merchant ships, the men of war Which guard the reef surrounded shore The treacherous ocean's brilliant hue. The circling arch of heaven's own blue-And many pleasant memories, too, All rise in silence to my view

One evening while three friends and I The rolling ocean wandered by, With thrilling voice and gestures bold Ben Brown the following story told : Who oft had crossed the billowy sea. His piercing eye and sinewy form eemed formed to face the raging storm And oft had risked his life to save comrade from a watery grave. When over at St. George's Bay Her armament was small and light, and only would such craft attack he presence of the privateer For she was watched by English eyes, And backed by English enterpri

And many a helping hand was lent,

Ignoring heaven's and human laws,

To lend their aid to slavery's cause.

And many an English cheer was sent,

She left the bay at dawn of day And westward swiftly sailed away On board she had a negro slave-But forced to aid his foes was he And s-rve the friends of slavery. Black as the hour of early morn Which just precedes the rising dawn He still had schemes which to fulfill He neither lacked the brains nor will. His gallant soul e'en death defied, And for the right the hero died Swift o'er the deep the Seabird flies, With seas serene and favoring skies, And e'er two days and nights had passed In Wilmington she anchored fast. The hearty welcome greets the boat, And quick to share her contents float On barge and raft the shot and shell, And missiles numberless (which swell The horrid tide of human woe) Are placed, and swiftly landward go. Her stay is short: She takes a load Of precious cotton bales aboard. Her anchor from the river heaves, And swift the triendly harbor leaves.

Tis evening, and the heavens bright The silvery sea reflects the stars, Nor sound the peaceful quiet mars But see! from yonder dark Cape Fear Three silent, shadowy forms appear, Three gunboats which to intercept All privateers, these waters kept. And ocean old begins to tosa His hoary mane, and as the skies Are hid, the slumbering billows rise. But hark! from out the cannon's throat

There comes a deep and solemo note ; The inky sea, but quickly dips And slowly finds an ocean grave The frightened blockade runner now Crowds on all steam, and from her prov She draws away, and leaves the foe. Now makes the mighty deep resound Another and another ball The billows skip, but being all Too far away, they pierce the waves, And slowly sink to oceau's caves. Meanwhile on board the privateer,

Where all was joy, full many a sneer,

And many a deep, contemptuous oath Was leveled at the officious North But one stood silent from the rest ; His hand his throbbing forehead pressed n blank despair the negro saw The disappearing signs of war, The Seabird leaving far behind Moan through the rigging, felt the spray A slowly fading signal light. A sudden thought his brain inspires A gun he quickly grasps and fires. Straightway a fierce and bellowing stream Follows the act, of rushing steam He lays aside the fateful gun : His time has come, his course is run For swift, with angry curse and shout The ruffians close his form about; Their glaring faces meet his eye, And horrid visions terrify His manly soul, and as they gaze He bows his noble head and prays But short they stand; quick at the word The yard receives a hempen cord His neck the noose; a cannon bal Is fastened to his feet : but all By him unnoticed. Straight on high, He swings between the sea and sky. He chokes, but ere his spirit flies And death has sealed his swimming eyes The rope is cut and with a boun !, The circling seas his form surround Courageous soul! thy work is done. The escaping element, which soon The engine stops; the approaching boom Of the distant gun which sounds the doom Of the privateer; the bursting shell, Tolling a stroke of the Seabird's knell The crashing thunder peals which fly Across the wild, tumultuous sky; The fierce electric fires which light The inky blackness of the night ;-All these their nightly music bring, And all thy noble requiem sing: As when some grand musician's theme, Some mighty master's noble dream Sweeps o'er the soul, our spirits rise And seem transported to the skies-So straight the thunder's mighty roll Bears to the skies the hero's soul.

The Seabird stops. The jagged rent Thro' which th' escaping steam found vent Is swift repaired, but all too late To save her from the impending fate. The bellowing gunboats swiftly glide Along her unprotected side. Their bulwarks breathe the lightning's breath And swift and fierce the iron death Sweeps through the Seabird's trembling hull. She shows the white: A sudden lull Follows the storm of iron hail,
But fierce and high the midnight gale
Which swept the laboring sea, still raves,
And piles on high the mighty waves. The gunboats and the privateer Now strangely side by side appear; No cannon sound strikes on the ear, Nor can the foes approach more near, But up and down they ride the foam And wait the abatement of the storm. Not long they wait for in the sky E'en now a twinkling light they spy, And soon the star-illumined heaven Shine's forth ; the murmuring clouds are driv In dire confusion far away, And in disordered masses they Seem slow their lumbering course to urge Along the dark horizon's verge. Meanwhile the billows slowly fall The fated Seabird's crew are all Transferred aboard the ships: the flame Is straight applied to the Seabird's frame, And swift the flery element Illumes the night; the firmament Is filled with sparks, the mosning wind, High fans the blaze, but far behind, Still slowly sinking to his grave Descends the sable hero brave. No gentle voice, no pitying eye, Has soothed his soul's last agony; No sorrowing friends his syelds close, Nor human soul his burial knows; But God, who watches over all.
And marks the sparrows when they fail,
Still holds the waters as the land
Safe in the hollow of His hand.

VARIETIES.

Affecting sight—Barrels in tiers.

The original greenbacks-Frogs. A wag calls bigamy Utablizing the female

Watching a weathercock on a windy morning is a vane proceeding. Family physicians are carefully noting the

promising state of the green-apple crop. A boot-black's father says he never enjoys

The fool seeketh to pick a fly from a mule's hind leg. The wise man letteth out the job to the lowest bidder. The longest word in the English language

the first and last letters. "Change cars!" is what a city bootblack said to a countryman, the other day, when he had finished blacking one of his brogans. a photographic artist, and wished him to shop. Small boy-'I say, sir, is dad done composing a poem yet? If he is, please put him in this 'ere

The force of habit is fully illustrated in the case of a retired milkman, who says he

The witty wife of a noted practicing ruined." physician advised her husband to keep away from the funerals of patients, as it looked too much like a tailor carrying home his own tiny clam shell, but exquisitely tinted in

can't do much harm, John, for 'twas an bows. amazing small piece you had, any way!" was the quick reply. "Good evening," said a lady, dressed in in the height, or rather the depth, of fash-

the late balls. "I am tired to death; I am which woolens are kept, will effectually progoing home to undress myself." "What I tect them against the rayages of these deany more ?" was the partner's answer. A gentleman, having engaged a bricklayer to make some repairs in his cellar, ordered commenced his work. "Oh, I'm not afraid

of a barrel of ale," said the bricklayer. "I

A Yale student has written a twelve verse poem, entitled "we kissed each other by the sea." "well, what of it?" asks a Western new feature in his school. When one of the journalist; "the seaside is no better for such

time, but did not say anything about it in while the boys are improving

Slightly sarcastic was the clergyman who paused and addressed a man coming into church after the sermon had begun, with the remark. Glad to see you, sir: come in ; always glad to see those here lat: who can't the top of the jar with thin muslin to keep come early.' And decidedly self-possessed out the dust, and expose the vessel to the was the man thus addressed in the presence heat of the sun for a few days, until oily of an astonished congregation, as he responded: 'Thank you; would you favor me with the text?'

A COLLECTION OF ANTIQUITIES, -At the re cent centennial celebration of Barre, Mass. many relics of the past were exhibited, including a number of old family portraits, the owners of which, in response to a request of the committee, willingly brought them from their homes to show to wondering spectators the styles of the belles and beauxs of a century ago. Among the portraits were likenesses of Brigadier-General Plummer, a graduate of West Point and a soldier of of the Mexican war; Rev. Dr. Thompson, father of the orator of the day, who was settled in Barre in 1804 and preached his mi-centennial sermon in 1854. Among the relics was a lady's cap box brought from England in 1767 by Mercy Hurd, the maternal ancestor of all the Brighams in New a neighbor lost a portion of her bulbs in a England. An old-fashioned pewter teapot very singular manner. 'The Bulbs,' she which was secretly used for preparing teal during the excitement attending the destruc- in good condition, and gave much pleasure tion of tea in Boston harbor; a pewter patter, bright as polished silver, and a flip mug put carefully away, but unfortunately she one hundred years old, were among the had a thievish little Freedman about the curiosities exhibited.

rebukes the disgusting habits in which some swallowed down more than half she had, ministers indulge, saying he has seen a and among the rest her Auratum Lily, a clergyman in a highly finished pulpit take a dozen tulips, hyacinths, etc. If that darkey large piece of tobacco out of his mouth when blossoms the coming springs I will let you he began to pray; and after the amen, pick know, that you may class him among the it up from the mable slab and put it in his novelties." capacions cheek again.

Fashionable Shopping.

One day when the thermometer stood in the nineties, a lady entered a store, and inquired for parasols. The obliging proprietor spread out before her samples of a large and of a size larger ?" said the lady. The size larger was produced. "I think on the whole I prefer the size smaller." The size smaller was presented. "Have you any of this size a lighter shade of blue?" The required shade was brought out. "Haven't you any of this kind with a crooked bandle?" The shade with the crooked handle appeared, "Have you any with the crooked handle not quite so heavy ?" said the lady, and so continued her inquiries for every conceivable size, shade and weight possible in the line of parasols. After nearly an hour had been thus consumed, the fair shopper gathered no," replied the lady, "I was merely inquir-

THE LADIES Man and wife are one, but which one? is the question.

Brides are now wearing high-neck waists and long sleeves.

Monogram buttons are introduced on some of the new walking suits.

A real estate broker, in Chicago, adverhimself more than when he sees the "son tises that she has admitted her husband into partnership.

Lot's wife wouldn't have looked back, but a woman with a new dress passed her, and is smiles, because there is a mile between she wanted to see if the back breadth was

A young lady at Winchester lately went to Scene before a cremation undertaker's take her picture with an expression as if

Woman is like ivy-the more you are ruined the closer she chings to you. An old never sees a can of water without having an bachekor adds: "Ivy is like woman—the irresistible desire to put some milk into it. closer it clings to you the more you are

A very pretty button in the shape of a pink and white, is quite the rage for India "You've destroyed my peace of mind," muslin suits, when the overskirt is to be loopsaid a desponding lover to a truant lass. "It ed with bows and ends of pink ribbon or

One of the best protectors against moth is the tarred felt used for roofing purposes. ion, to her partner in the German at one of A piece of it laid in a closet or chest in

French ladies never fold their summer the ale to be removed before the bricklayer dresses in packing. They are rolled in wrapping paper and thus their fresh and stiff presume not," said the gentleman; "but I appearance is always retained. There is no think a barrel of ale would run at your ap- reason why American ladies should not take the hint and do likewise.

An Idaho school teacher has introduced a

To MAKE ATTAR OF ROSES -Gather a quantity of roles and place them in a jar; then pour upon them spring water. Cover. particles are observed to be floating on the surface of the water. Take off this oily substance and place it in a bottle. This is the perfume known as the "Attar of Roses."

The London Post, speaking of the ladies' toilettes at Ascot races, says: "Where all was charming, and with so much to admire, it would be almost invidious to particularize even the most attractive costumes or their prettiest wearers; and in recording the general admiration created by Miss Paran Steyens of New York, an American belle with a large fortune, who wore a dress of rose and black striped velvet, we are only echoing a leading topic of conversation among the privileged occupants of the royal anclosure."

INDULGING IN FLORAL LUXURIES. - A lady friend of Kosciusko, Mississippi, writes that writes, 'that you sent Mrs. C. were received by their healthy appearance, and they were house, and one day in his search after dainties he found her bulbs, and thinking they Dr. Tyng, in his "Christian Pastor," were choice onions, actually ata, depoured

GROWING SMILAX. - Jas. Vick, authority

as a florist, gives the following directions

for the household culture of this plant, now so much desired and used in floral decorations, for twining in the hair, and for trimming party dresses: It can be successfully varied stock. "Have you any of this shade grown as a house plant. The seeds should be sown in a box or in pots in the house, and should be kept moist until they germinate. The seed being rather slow to vegetate, do not think it bad if it does not make its appearance in two weeks. The young plants should be potted off into two-inch pots as soon as they are three or four inches high. Once a year the bulbs should be allowed to dry off and rest. They will start into growing again in about six weeks. The vine does not require the full sun, but will grow in a partially shaded situation. It can be trained on a small thread across the window or around pictures. It is a climbing sine, and up her handkerchief and gloves, and moved will attach itself to a string in just about the for the door. "Can't I self you a parasol?" right condition to use for wreaths, decorainquired the exhausted proprietor. "O dear tion, etc.; or when required for lighter ing the prices. I am going into mourning and have one for sale," was merely inquir-



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